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SUBJECT: SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CHARTER - WRAPUP

1. FOURTH SESSION SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON UN CHARTER  
HELD EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS ON QUESTIONS OF PEACEFUL  
SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES AND RATIONALIZATION OF PROCEDURES  
AND HEARD A COUPLE OF PRELIMINARY STATEMENTS ON PEACE  
AND SECURITY. MOST SIGNIFICANT FEATURE OF SESSION  
WAS CONTINUED LACK OF INTEREST AND INEFFECTUAL  
CONDUCT OF SO-CALLED REVISIONISTS.

2. AS AT PREVIOUS SESSION REVISIONISTS HAD LITTLE BY WAY  
OF IDEAS AND NO LEADERSHIP. FOR THE MOST PART THEY  
WERE REPRESENTED BY FAIRLY JUNIOR AND INEXPERIENCED  
DELEGATES. IN BEGINNING OF SESSION AMBASSADOR  
GONZALEZ GALVEZ (MEXICO) ATTEMPTED TO ORGANIZE THE  
WORK AND PRODUCE SOME POSITIVE IDEAS. HE WAS UNABLE  
FIND RESPONSIVE CHORD AMONG MOST OF AFRO-ASIAN OR  
LATIN AMERICAN DELEGATES AND LEFT AFTER TWO WEEKS  
WITH LITTLE TO SHOW FOR HIS EFFORTS EXCEPT SOME SUPPORT  
THAT THE US AND A FEW OTHER COUNTRIES HAD TRIED TO  
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GIVE HIM.

3. ASIDE FROM SOME MODERATELY INTERESTING IF HARDLY  
SURPRISING EXCHANGES WHICH REVEALED LITTLE NEW, THE SUM  
AND SUBSTANCE OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK WAS A LIST OF  
SOME FIFTY ODD PROPOSALS THAT HAD BEEN MADE BY STATES  
ON PEACEFUL SETTLEMENTS OF DISPUTES. COMMITTEE WAS

UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO ORGANIZE THE PROPOSALS OR GIVE ANY SUBSTANTIVE INDICATION OF VIEWS ON THEM. THE UNITED STATES URGED THAT MERE RECITATION OF EXISTING PROPOSALS WAS TOO MODEST A GOAL BUT THE DEADWEIGHT OF THE REST OF THE MEMBERSHIP SUBSTANTIALLY SMOTHERED OUR EFFORTS. THE US DEL FINALLY DID ITS OWN PAPER ORGANIZING THE EXISTING PROPOSALS CONCEPTUALLY AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMMITTEE'S MANDATE (UN DOC. UN/AC.182/WG/21). THIS PAPER WAS FAVORABLY COMMENTED UPON BY SUCH REVISIONISTS AS CYPRUS AND SPAIN AND SUCH ANTI-REVISIONISTS AS FRANCE, GDR AND USSR BUT THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE INDICATED A DESIRE TO FINISH THE MECHANICAL TASK THEY WERE WORKING SO INEFFICIENTLY ON. THE US PAPER MAY SERVE A USEFUL PURPOSE IN THE FUTURE. IF NOTHING ELSE PAPER IS TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF OUR BONA FIDES.

4. DURING THIS SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE THE US WAS ABLE TO MAKE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS ON THE TWO ITEMS THE COMMITTEE DEALT WITH IN DEPTH (A/AC.182/WG/10 AND USUN'S 1071) AND EXHIBIT A POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD EXERCISE AS A WHOLE. VITAL QUADRIPARTITE (FRANCE, UK, USSR, US) COOPERATION REMAINS EXCELLENT. THESE EXCELLENT RELATIONS IN PART RESULTED FROM EFFORTS OF FIFOOT (UK) WHO CONSTANTLY URGED MODERATION ON FRENCH AND SOVIETS IN MOST SUPPORTIVE AND PERSUASIVE MANNER. CONFIDENTIAL

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5. THE PERFORMANCE OF THE JAPANESE WAS A DISAPPOINTMENT. ALTHOUGH THEY CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH US, WE RECEIVED RELIABLE REPORTS FROM THE YUGOSLAVS AND PHILIPPINES (PROTECT BOTH) THAT THE JAPANESE WERE MAKING TROUBLE AND COMPLICATING THEIR EFFORTS AT MODERATION. THE JAPANESE NOW APPEAR NOT TO WANT THE COMMITTEE TO DO ANY ANALYTIC WORK BUT MERELY TO FORWARD ALL PROPOSALS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. WHEN CONFRONTED WITH THIS, THE JAPANESE DID NOT DENY IT. IN SHORT THE JAPANESE ARE DISSATISFIED WITH THE MANDATE OF THIS COMMITTEE BECAUSE IT MAKES IT UNLIKELY THE COMMITTEE WILL REPORT FAVORABLY ON A PERMANENT SEAT FOR JAPAN; THIS IDEA HAS LITTLE SUPPORT AMONG THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AND SIGNIFICANT OPPOSITION AMONG THE PERMANENT MEMBERS. THE JAPANESE ARE AWARE OF OUR CONCERN AT SOME OF THE POSITIONS THEY TOOK, AND WE HAVE AGREED TO DISCUSS MATTER IN DEPTH IN NEAR FUTURE.

6. THE COMMITTEE'S MANDATE MAKES IT UNLIKELY THAT THE COMMITTEE CAN PERFORM ANY SERIOUS WORK. AT THE SAME

TIME, THE COMMITTEE IS UNLIKELY TO BECOME A MAJOR PROBLEM FOR US IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IT DOES PROVIDE A FORUM IN WHICH WE CAN AIR OUR PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVEMENT AND STRIKE AN OPEN-MINDED AND CONSTRUCTIVE POSTURE WHILE MAINTAINING CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH FRANCE, UK AND USSR. HOWEVER, THE COMMITTEE IS UNLIKELY TO PROVIDE A USEFUL FORUM FOR ANY SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE MADE. IN LIGHT OF THE EXTREMELY BROAD RANGE OF ISSUES BEFORE THE COMMITTEE AND THE POTENTIAL FOR SERIOUS TROUBLE, IF AFTER HERCULEAN LABORS WE DID ENERGIZE THE COMMITTEE, IT DOES NOT SEEM USEFUL FOR US TO TRY TO LIGHT A FIRE UNDER IT.

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7. THE BEST COURSE IS FOR US TO LET THE COMMITTEE ROCK AMIABLY ON WHILE PRESSING FOR ACTION ON SOME OF OUR MORE IMPORTANT AND ACHIEVABLE CONCERNS IN OTHER MORE FINITE AND MANAGEABLE FORA. OUR IDEAS ON PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES MIGHT MORE USEFULLY BE EXAMINED IN THE NON USE OF FORCE COMMITTEE WHERE THE SOVIET DESIRE FOR A RESULT FROM THAT EXERCISE WOULD DIMINISH THEIR OTHERWISE TOTALLY OBSTRUCTIONIST ATTITUDE ON PEACEFUL SETTLEMENTS. OUR PROPOSALS ON PRACTICAL MEASURES IN THE PEACEKEEPING FIELD WOULD GET A BETTER HEARING IN THE PEACEKEEPING COMMITTEE, AND OUR PROPOSALS RELATING TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD BE MORE LIKELY TO LEAD TO RESULTS IF THEY WERE HANDLED DISCRETELY AMONG COUNCIL MEMBERS BEGINNING FIRST WITH EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS, SEVERALLY AND JOINTLY, WITH OUR FELLOW PERMANENT MEMBERS.

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